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Wallenberg bortglömd av polisen?

Från DN:s specielle korrespondent
TOR HÖGNÄS

HELSINGFORS, fredag.

— Den finländska statspolisen glömde att fråga mig om fallet Raoul Wallenberg då den förhörde mig efter hemkomsten från min ryska fångenskap, säger Boris Björkelund på fredagen till Dagens Nyheters korrespondent. Och själv kom inte jag att tänka på svensken. Jag var självfallet mycket medtagen efter mina dryga tio fängelsår och hade inte kunnat följa med alla händelser i väster.

Samma representant för statspolisen som förhörde Björkelund år 1955 tog kontakt med honom på fredagen. Polismannen konstaterade endast att man hade glömt att beröra fallet Wallenberg vid förhöret. Dessutom har Sveriges TV ringt upp och kommer att göra en intervju på lördagen.

— Här är full rulle, säger den pigge 73-åringen, som Stalin inte lyckades knäcka.

Björkelund lokaliserar fånglägret, där Wallenberg enligt uppgift skulle ha legat sjuk och avlidit den 19 eller 20 augusti 1955. Det var ett genomgångsläger vid järnvägsstationen Päima, som ligger i Krasnojarsk-räjonet, ca 100 km väster om Taschet, ungefär mitt emellan staden Krasnojarsk och Taschet. Päima är en mycket liten station, närmast bara en anhalt på Vladivostokbanan.

"Vet ganska litet"

I sjukhusets arkiv i Päima borde dödsattester, alltså obduktionsprotokollet, finnas, om de bägge tyskarna talat sant, och de hade väl ingen orsak att ljuga.

Senare har Boris Björkelund givetvis läst om Wallenberg, men han har inte tyckt att hans uppgifter skulle betyda så mycket.

— Jag vet ju ganska litet — bara det som de tyska fångarna berättade. De var först då jag började skriva min bok om fångelseiden som jag märkte att det kanske vore värdefullt att skriva ned allt det jag visste. Men mer än det som Dagens Nyheter återgav på fredagen vet jag inte.

Boris Björkelund har skrivit sin bok på ryska. Den har översatts till finska. Föräldrarna var finlandssvenskar men bodde i Ryssland, där Boris gick i skola. Men sitt finska medborgarskap har han alltid haft trots att han före revolutionen tjänstgjorde i ryska flottan. Han talar svenska med starkt rysk accent trots alla åren i

DAGENS NYHETER Fredagen den 14 Oktober 1966

F d Stalinfänge:

Wallenberg dog i Sibirien 1955

Från DN:s specielle korrespondent Tor Högnäs

HELSINGFORS, torsdag.

Raoul Wallenberg dog den 19 eller 20 augusti 1955 på sjukhuset i ett fångläger vid den lilla järnvägsstationen Päima i Sibirien. Lägrets övervakningscentrum låg i staden Krasnojarsk väster om Itkusk. I fånglägrets arkiv i Krasnojarsk finns helt säkert Wallenbergs dödsattest eller "akten" som ryssarna kallade obduktionsprotokollet. Det är bara för de ryska myndigheterna att söka i dessa arkiv så kan de antligen ge ett klart svar i fallet Wallenberg.

Den som säger detta heter Boris Björkelund, född i Ryssland år 1893 av Finlandssvenska föräldrar. Han fängslades i sin bostad i Helsingfors år 1945 på order av den ryska kontrollkommissionen och sändes till Sovjet trots att han var finsk medborgare. Under tio år och sex månader fick Björkelund grundligt lära känna Stalintidens fängelser och fångläger.

Under min sista ryska sommar år 1955 blev jag sänd till ett läger i Krasnojarsk vid Vladivostokbanan. Innan jag blev bortskickad från detta fångläger i augusti anlände till lägret en gammal tysk fånge som hade legat på sjukhuset. Jag har glömt hans namn, men han sade till mig: "Det ligger en svensk som heter Wallenberg på sjukhuset. Han är mycket dålig, men då han fick höra att här finns en som heter Björkelund bad han mig ta kontakt med dig. Wallenberg önskade att du skulle underrätta svenska ambassaden om hans vistelseort".

Jag minns att jag sade åt tysken att han vet när jag blir fri myndigheter, men jag skall lägga det bak örat.

Då berättade min tyske vän att Wallenberg blev anhållen i Budapest redan år 1945 då han tjänstgjorde där inom Sveriges Röda kors. Man beskyllde honom, berättade tysken, för spionage för amerikanernas räkning. Han fick tio års dom för detta.

Annat visste inte min kamrat. Men två dagar senare blev jag på nytt påmind om Wallenberg. Från samma sjukhus anlände en tysk som hette Diehl och som nu efter sin frigivning har bott i Östtyskland. Jag försökte pumpa honom på uppgifter om svensken.

Diehl svarade: "Visst var där en sådan person, men han dog i går och fördes till likrummet."

Svaret var inte märkligt under rådande förhållanden, men jag frågade: "Är du alldeles säker på detta?" "Javisst, jag låg två sängar ifrån honom."

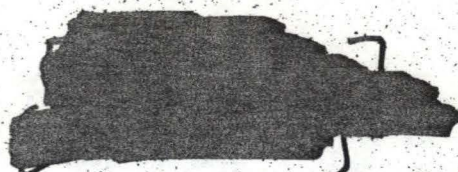
"Vet du vart han var på väg?"

"Nej, jag talade inte med Wallenberg, men jag vet att han var från Sverige och att han blev tagen i Budapest", svarade Diehl.

Ovanstående version av Raoul Wallenbergs öde är anmärkningsvärd inte minst med hänsyn till att vittnet befunnit sig i Finland ända sedan 1955. Den skiljer sig helt från den hittills föreliggande. Enligt rysk uppgift skulle Wallenberg ha avlidit i ett fängelse i Moskva i juli 1947. Detta påståande har från svenskt håll motsagats med hänvisning till rapporter, som givit vid handen att han varit i livet långt senare. Viktigast är en redogörelse av professor Nanna Svartz. Vid ett sammanträffande med en rysk läkarkollega 1961 säger sig professor Svartz ha erfärut att Wallenberg var i livet men "i mycket dåligt tillstånd".

A andra sidan hävdade de svenska historikerna Elsa och Hans Villius i ett uppmärksammat arbete i början av detta år att de ryska uppgifterna om Wallenbergs död 1947 inte kunde motbevisas och att "bevisbördan åligger den som vill göra gällande att Wallenberg var i livet efter 1947".

Av allt att döma har Björkelund — trots att han återvände till Finland redan 1955 — av någon anledning förblivit okänd för svenska UD.

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Raul Wallenberg died on 19 or 20 August 1955 in a hospital of a prison camp at a small railroad station Pioma in Siberia. The administrative center of the camp was located in the city of Krasnoyarsk west of Itkutsk. The Russian authorities have Wallenberg's death certificate, or "akten" which the Russians called the post mortem record. The Russian authorities only need to look in these records to finally give a clear answer on the Wallenberg case..

The person who says this is Boris Bjorkeland, born in Russia in 1893 of Finnish-Swedish parents. He was imprisoned in his home in Helsinki in 1945 at the order of the Russian control commission and was sent to the USSR despite the fact that he was a Finnish citizen. For ten years and six months, Bjorkeland thoroughly to know the prisons and concentration camps of Stalin's time.

"During my last summer in Russia in 1955, I was sent to a camp in Krasnoyarski on the Vladivostok line. Before I was sent away from this concentration camp in August, an old German prisoner who had been in a hospital arrived at this camp. I have forgotten his name but he said to me: "A Swede with the name Wallenberg is in the hospital. He is very ill but when he heard that there is a person here with the name Bjorkeland he asked me to contact you. Wallenberg wished that you would inform the Swedish Embassy regarding his location."

I remember that I said to the German that "The devil knows when I shall be a free agent but I shall remember it. Then my German friend said that Wallenberg was captured in Budapest in 1945 when he

served there with the Swedish Red Cross. He was accused of spying for the Americans, the German said. He was sentenced for ten years for this.

My friend did not know anything else.

But two days later, I was reminded again about Wallenberg. From the same hospital a German who was named Diehl arrived. After obtaining his freedom, has lived in East Germany. I attempted to pump him for information about the Swede.

Diehl answered, "Certainly there was such a person, but he died yesterday and was taken to the funeral room."

The answer was not noteworthy during the prevailing conditions but I asked, "Are you quite sure of this?" Indeed, I lay two beds away from him."

"Do you know where he was going?"

"No, I had not spoken with Wallenberg but I know that he was from Sweden and that he was taken in Budapest," answered Diehl.

The above version of Raoul Wallenberg's fate is remarkable at least in that the witness has been in Finland since 1955. It differs completely from the versions up to this time. According to Soviet information, Wallenberg should have died in a prison in Moscow in July 1947. This assertion has been contradicted by the Swedes with regard to the reports which indicate that he was alive much later. The most important one is an account of Prof. Hanna Svartz. At a meeting with a Russian doctor colleague in 1961, Prof. Svartz said that he learned that Wallenberg was alive but "in very poor condition."

On the other hand, the Swedish historians Elze and Hans Villius maintained in an attention-getting work in the beginning of this year

that the Russian information about Wallenberg's death in 1947 could not be refuted and that "the burden of proof lies with those who wish to maintain that Wallenberg was alive after 1947."

Judging from everything, Bjorkelund has no reason to remain unknown to the Swedish Foreign Department, despite the fact that he returned to Finland already in 1955.

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The Finnish State Police forgot to ask me about the Raul Wallenberg case when they questioned me after my arrival home from my Russian imprisonment," said Boris Bjorkelund on Friday to Dagens Nyheter's correspondent. "And I myself had not thought about the Swede. I was obviously very worn out after my ten hard years in prison and had not been able to follow all the events in the west."

The same representative of the State Police who questioned Bjorkelund in 1945 contacted him on Friday. The policeman only stated that he had forgotten to touch on the Wallenberg case during the questioning. In addition, Sweden TV telephoned and planned to interview them on Saturday.

"Now everything is done well," said the lively 3-year old whom Stalin had not succeeded in breaking.

Bjorkelund located the prison camp where Wallenberg was said to have become ill and died on 19 or 20 August 1955. It was a transit camp at the Paima railroad station which lies in the Krasnoyarski Rayon, about 100 kilometers west of Taschet about half way between the cities of Krasnoyarski and Taschet. Paima is a very little station only a stop on the Vladivostok line.

The death certificate, also the post-mortum record should be found among the records of the hospital in Paima, if the two Germans spoke the truth and they probably had no reason to lie.

Later Boris Bjorkelund naturally had heard about Wallenberg but he had not thought that his information would be considered to be important.

"I knew very little -- only what the German prisoners related. It was only when I began to write my book about the time of the imprisonment, that I thought that it perhaps would be worthwhile to write down everything which I knew. But more than that which Dagens Nyheter reported on Friday, I do not know."

Boris Bjorklund has written his book in Russian. It was translated into Finnish. His parents were Finnish Swedes but lived in Russia when Boris went to school. But he has always had his Finnish citizenship despite the fact that he served in the Russian Navy prior to the revolution. He speaks Swedish with a strong Russian accent despite all the years in his parents' homeland.

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Reference: [REDACTED] of 13 July 1970

Attached hereto is a note for [REDACTED] to which is appended a memorandum regarding Karl-Gustav SVINGEL, concerning whom [REDACTED] queried me on 7 July 1970.

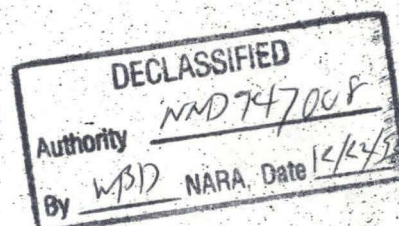
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August 3, 1970

Dear Carl Axel,

I'm sure I don't need to tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you on 7 July, and meeting your colleague. I only wish I could have been more helpful to you at that time.

I attach a brief note on Svingel, which probably doesn't add very much to what you already know about him. As far as we are aware, Svingel is not engaged in activities other than those which are publicly known. (Quite honestly, we had long thought that your sister service might have been using him, since he does have interesting connections in the East.)

Please let me know if you feel there is anything further I might be able to do to assist you in this matter. As I mentioned in Hamburg, I am hoping to get up to Scandinavia in the fall, and would greatly enjoy seeing you again at that time. Meanwhile, very best wishes!

3 August 1970

SUBJECT: Karl Gustav Svingel
Born: 31 March 1916, Hjartum, Sweden
Commissioned Representative of the Swedish
National Committee of the Lutheran World
Council in West Berlin

1. Svingel has resided in Berlin since 1954, when he gave up a career as an opera singer to become a professional social service worker. He now resides at 5 Winklerstrasse, Berlin Grunewald, in a large villa ("Haus Victoria") where needy elderly persons are cared for and housed for brief periods of time. He also makes these premises available to a group of attorneys and West German officials who are involved in the official program of the West German Government to secure the release of political prisoners from the East in return for cash ransom payments. This involves providing lodgings and food for persons who are brought from the East in cases where no publicity is desired, or when the attorneys wish to avoid formal processing at the West Berlin Refugee Center.

2. Svingel has close personal ties with West German SPD leader Herbert Wehner and the latter's family, presumably emanating from Wehner's close political contacts in Sweden. Svingel has used these connections to assist prisoner exchange attorneys Wolfgang Vogel, the latter's West Berlin counterpart, Juergen Stange, and Reymar von Wedel (a West German Protestant lay official with leftist connections, who is involved in prisoner exchange and ransom matters on behalf of the German Lutheran Church) in by-passing lower echelons of the German bureaucratic structure in order to keep the prisoner exchange and ransom program in operation. Svingel concentrates primarily on family reunification cases, which he handles through Vogel. These are arranged for private persons in a position to make the high ransom payments which are involved.

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3. Svingel, who has claimed to have quasi-diplomatic status, travels regularly into East Berlin and through East Germany to Scandinavia. He has admitted to having brought out persons from East to West Berlin in his private car in what he described as a "purely legal" manner. He is extremely reticent about discussing details of his activities and contacts in East Berlin, except to say that he is personally acquainted with East German State Secretary for Church Affairs Hans Selgewasser. It is known that he delivers various kinds of goods purchased in West Berlin to Vogel's offices in East Berlin. These appear to be destined for the church members in East Germany.

4. Svingel maintains close personal contacts with Vogel's divorced wife, Eva, whom the East German authorities permit to live in West Berlin with their two children, and whose apartment Vogel uses as his West Berlin base of operations. At one time Svingel arranged for Vogel's son to go to school in Sweden.

5. Svingel has been awarded the Grosse Verdienstkreuz des Verdienstordens by the German Federal Republic.

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20 November 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/HO

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Raoul WALLENBERG Case

1. Two documents [redacted] 13 July 1970 and [redacted] 9 November 1970) which were both forwarded to SB, report that [redacted] met the chairman of the Swedish National Police Board and during the conversation the latter requested that Svetlana Alilulyeva be queried about Raoul WALLENBERG. A summary of the WALLENBERG file follows.

2. Raoul WALLENBERG Case

From July 1944 until January 17, 1945 the Swedish citizen Raoul WALLENBERG, born on August 4, 1912, was attached to the Swedish Legation in Budapest as secretary to the legation. He had a special mission to try to protect the Jews in Budapest against the persecutions by the German and Hungarian Nazis. In January 1945 WALLENBERG remained as the only foreign diplomat in the Pest part of the city when the German troops abandoned Pest and retreated to the Buda part of the city on the other side of the Danube and the Gestapo fled by plane with Eichmann to the Austrian border. When the Swedish Minister summoned him to come to Buda, where all missions and consulates remained in relative security, WALLENBERG asked permission to await the arrival of the Red Army in Pest and to be permitted to deal with the Soviet High Command as Charge d'Affaires in the interests of those under his protection. On 15 January the first Soviet patrol came to WALLENBERG's Legation. WALLENBERG asked to be taken to the city commander. The latter, General CHERNISHEV, "took him under his protection."

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Raoul asked to be permitted to drive to Debrecen, where the headquarters of Marshal Malinowski (later Defense Minister of the USSR) and the High Commissioner of the Allies, VOROSHILOV, were. WALLENBERG received permission on 17 January 1945 to drive to Debrecen. He is said to have departed that day in the company of his chauffeur, the Hungarian citizen Wilhelm LANGFELDER. On 16 January 1945, one day before this trip, the Soviet Foreign Office informed the Swedish Minister in Moscow in a note that the military authorities had taken WALLENBERG and his property under their protection. Since 17 January 1945 WALLENBERG has been missing and no reliable information has subsequently come to the fore about his fate. The Swedish Government several times applied to the Soviet Government for information concerning WALLENBERG's whereabouts since it was reported that WALLENBERG was accompanied by Russian officers during the journey from Pest to Debrecen. Until 1957, the Soviets continuously denied having any trace of WALLENBERG after 17 January 1945.

Prisoners in the USSR, however, upon return to the West made certain vague statements that WALLENBERG may have been interned in the camp of Krasnogorsk, some 28 kms. from Moscow. Other prison camps (including Ljubljanskaya, Lefortovskaya, and Vladimir) have also been mentioned, but the reliability of the informers cannot be estimated. It has also been postulated that WALLENBERG was incarcerated in a mental institution somewhere in Eastern Europe or in the USSR. Swedish Prime Minister ERLANDER wrote to Minister President KHRUSHCHEV in February 1961 to inform the latter that Professor Nanna SVARTZ had been informed, during her visit to Moscow, by a prominent Soviet doctor that WALLENBERG was then alive in a mental hospital. ERLANDER asked that a Swedish physician be permitted to go to Moscow to discuss with Soviet colleagues arrangements for WALLENBERG's transportation, medical care, etc. Despite sharp requests by ERLANDER to the Soviet Ambassador in Stockholm, as well as by the Swedish Ambassador in Moscow, KHRUSHCHEV never replied to this letter.

In 1957 the Soviets finally admitted that a man probably identical with WALLENBERG had been imprisoned in the USSR, but they claimed he died in a Moscow prison (Ljubljanskaya) in July 1947. Subsequently, the Swedish Government found increasing evidence that WALLENBERG was alive as late as 1954. In numerous exchanges of views with the Swedish Government, the Soviets have always reverted to the position that

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WALLENBERG died at Ljubljanskaya prison. In 1965 Minister President KOSYGIN informed the Swedes that a new investigation had overturned documents giving the day of death in July 1947 and information that WALLENBERG had been cremated. Many members of the Swedish press and Government are still not satisfied with the Soviets' explanations regarding WALLENBERG.

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RESIDENT WHO WAS SHIFRIN'S SOURCE ON WALLEMBERG NOT AVAILABLE.

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1. [REDACTED] AT LAST MEETING BROACHED SUBJECT OF FATE OF RAUL WALLENBERG AND REMARKED THAT HE AND [REDACTED] STILL PURSUING EVERY LEAD, NO MATTER HOW TENUOUS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] PREPARED ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN BUT THAT WE HAD JUST ABOUT EXHAUSTED POSSIBILITIES. REF INFO DISCUSSED AND [REDACTED] REVEALED HE HAD SENT HIS DEPUTY TO ISRAEL TO INTERVIEW SHIFRIN.

2. DEPUTY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH SHIFRIN'S MOTIVES BUT FOUND SHIFRIN UNABLE EVALUATE INFO FROM SUB-SOURCE "KOZLOV" THAT WALLENBERG AT ONE TIME MAY HAVE BEEN HELD IN INTERNMENT CAMP ON WRANGEL ISLAND. KOZLOV CLAIMS TO HAVE SERVED AS MEDICAL ATTENDANT IN THIS CAMP AND SHIFRIN BELIEVES KOZLOV COULD HAVE HAD KGB MISSION THERE.

3. [REDACTED] ASKS WHETHER SOVIETS KNOWN TO HAVE OR HAVE HAD

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1. EXAMINATION ALL-SOURCE DATA AVAILABLE HEADQUARTERS SHOWS NO PUNITIVE CAMP AT WRANGEL AND LEAVES US UNABLE SAY WHETHER THERE WAS EVER A PUNITIVE CAMP THERE. THERE WAS AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN THE EARLY 60'S BY SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES. PRISONER LABOR COULD HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO HELP. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE CONSTITUTED A PUNITIVE CAMP PER SE, ALTHOUGH PRISONER LABOR WOULD HAVE HAD NO MEANS OF ESCAPE. IF PRISONERS WERE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE ISLAND AFTERWARDS.

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1. PAGES 546 TO 548 OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE EDITION "GUWAG" CONTAIN SOLZHENITSYN ACCOUNT HIS ENCOUNTER IN CAMP WITH A SWEDISH NAMED "ERIC ARVID ANDERSEN" WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SON OF "BILLYON-TRE" AND NEPHEW OF BRITISH GENERAL ROBERTSON WHO COMMANDED BRITISH OCCUPATION ZONE IN GERMANY. TEXT IMPLIES SOLZHENITSYN SAW "ANDERSEN" AS LATE AS 1951-2.

2. ACCORDING SOLZHENITSYN "ANDERSEN" UNDER ORDER USE PSEUDONYM OR BE "DESTROYED". BELIEVE "ANDERSEN" MAY BE WALLENBERG.

3. *[Redacted]* HAS SWEDISH PRESS PICKED UP OR COMMENTED ON "ANDERSEN"? REALIZE SWEDISH GOVT MADE NUMEROUS DEMARCHES TO USSR RE WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. WHEN WAS LAST COMMENT IN SWEDISH PRESS ON WALLENBERG? IS HE STILL THOUGHT TO BE ALIVE IN USSR?

4. FOR DIRECTOR: PLS PROVIDE CONCISE BACKGROUND WALLENBERG CASE AND SPECIFICALLY:

WHAT WERE SOVIET REPLIES TO OFFICIAL SWEDISH

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3. HAS USSR ADMITTED HALLENBERG IN SOVIET CUSTODY
AND IF SO, HIS FATE?

5. SINCE GROMYKO LISTED IN "GULAG" AS ONE OF "ANDERSEN"
INTERLOCUTERS, [REDACTED] WOULD LIKE TO SURFACE STORY PARTS IF POSSIBLE
DURING GROMYKO VISIT 15-18 FEB.

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1. REF. A CITED PAGE NUMBERS FOR RUSSIAN-LANGUED
EDITION. FRENCH EDITION NOT YET PUBLISHED.

2. ~~RAISED POSSIBILITY "ANDERSEN"~~
MIGHT BE WALLENBERG DESPITE SOME OBVIOUS DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR
BACKGROUNDS, PARTICULARLY DATE AND PLACE OF DISAPPEARANCE.
SUGGEST ~~BRING PASSAGES RE "ANDERSEN" TO~~
ATTENTION AND GET THEIR JUDGEMENT WHETHER "ANDERSEN"
COULD BE WALLENBERG OR MUST BE ANOTHER SWEDE AS YET UNIDENTIFIED.
IN EITHER CASE, SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO SURFACE STORY IN SWEDEN
SINCE SWEDE INVOLVED.

3. FOR DIRECTOR: IT NOW TOO LATE SURFACE STORY PARIS
DURING GROMYKO VISIT AND IN ANY CASE WOULD NOT WISH DO SO UNTIL
"ANDERSEN" COULD BE PLAUSIBLY IDENTIFIED. OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT
PROVIDE SOVIETS WITH AMMUNITION TO ATTACK SOLZHENITSYN

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AS IMAGINATIVE WRITER RATHER THAN GIFTED REPORTER OF FACTS RE
GULAG SYSTEM. (NOTE THAT THIS IS LINE PEDDLED BY FIRST
WIFE).

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1. SWEDISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF "GULAG" APPARENTLY
DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH FRENCH. IN WHICH CHAPTER DOES
SOLZHENITSYN WRITE ABOUT "ANDERSEN?"

2. MATTER OF ANDERSEN AND POSSIBILITY HE COULD BE
WALLENBERG HAS BEEN, ACCORDING TO
BROACHED IN SWEDISH PRESS AT LEAST TWICE, ROUGHLY LATTER
PART '72 AND AGAIN IN JAN '74.

3. QUESTION OF WHETHER SWEDES BELIEVE WALLENBERG
STILL ALIVE ONE OF MIXED FEELINGS. SOME MEMBERS OF
FAMILY CLING TO BELIEF HE IS STILL LIVING (MOST RECENT
ACCOUNT DEALT WITH VRANGEL ISLAND PRISON CAMP AND A
MENTAL INSTITUTE), AND PERSISTENTLY KEEP AFTER GOS TO
PRESS SOVIETS FOR TRUTH. TASK OF RUNNING DOWN RUMORS
FALLS TO WHICH PRAGMATICALLY ACCEPTS WALLENBERG
PROBABLY DEAD BUT BELIEVES PRESSURE ON SOVIETS SHOULD

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4. IN ANY CASE, SEE NO HARM IN USING STORY TO
EMBARRASS SOVIETS WHENEVER CIRCUMSTANCES RIGHT, AND
STATION CONCURS IN PARA 5 REF ACTION.

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1. IN JULY 44 RAOUL WALLENBERG, BORN 4 AUGUST 1912, ARCHITECT AND SCION OF WEALTHY AND PROMINENT SWEDISH BANKING FAMILY, SENT BUDAPEST. HE ATTACHED TO SWEDISH LEGATION WITH SPECIAL MISSION TO TRY PROTECT HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI PERSECUTION AND DEPORTATION. APPARENTLY DID VERY EFFECTIVE JOB. IN JANUARY 45, WALLENBERG ONLY FOREIGN DIPLOMAT TO STAY IN PEST WHEN GERMAN TROOPS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS RETREATED TO BUDA SIDE DANUBE. WHEN SUMMONED TO BUDA BY SWEDISH MINISTER, WALLENBERG ASKED REMAIN PEST AND BE ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH SOVIET HIGH COMMAND AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN INTERESTS OF THOSE UNDER HIS PROTECTION. ON 15 JANUARY 45, FIRST SOVIET PATROL CAME TO WALLENBERG LEGATION AND WALLENBERG ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO SOVIET COMMANDER, GENERAL CHERNISHEV, WHO TOOK WALLENBERG "UNDER HIS PROTECTION." ON 16 JANUARY 45, SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED SWEDISH MINISTER IN MOSCOW THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN WALLENBERG AND HIS PROPERTY UNDER THEIR PROTECTION.

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TION. ON 17 JANUARY 45, WALLENBERG RECEIVED SOVIET PERMISSION DRIVE DEBRECEN TO CALL ON MARSHAL MALINOWSKI (LATER SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER) WHO HAD HQS THERE. LEFT FOR DEBRECEN WITH HUNGARIAN DRIVER WILHELM LANGFELDER AND RED ARMY ESCORT.

2. WALLENBERG HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 17 JANUARY ⁴⁵ AND NO RELIABLE INFORMATION HAS COME TO THE FORE ABOUT HIS FATE DESPITE CONTINUED INVESTIGATIONS BY THE WALLENBERG FAMILY AND THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH MADE AT LEAST 30 DEMARCHES WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BETWEEN 1945 AND 1965. SOVIET GOVERNMENT INITIALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE WALLENBERG BUT FINALLY IN 1957 INFORMED THE SWEDES THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN LUBIANKA PRISON OF A HEART CONDITION ON 17 JULY 47 AND THAT BODY CREMATED. SOVIET REPLY LAID BLAME AT DOOR SOVIET SECURITY SERVICE. FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS REPATRIATED TO WEST HAVE MADE VAGUE STATEMENTS THAT WALLENBERG HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY INTERNED IN A SOVIET MENTAL HOSPITAL AND IN THE FOLLOWING CAMPS OR PRISONS: KRASNOGORSK, LUBIANKA, LEFORTOVSKAYA, VLADIMIR BUT SWEDISH EFFORTS TO CONFIRM THIS EVIDENCE HAVE SO FAR BEEN IN VAIN.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO TIE THE SUEDE

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DESCRIBED IN GULAG TO WALLENBERG, DESPITE SOME POINTS IN COMMON. HOWEVER, BELIEVE STORY RECOUNTED IN GULAG OF SUFFICIENT PROPAGANDA IMPACT ON OWN MERITS TO JUSTIFY SURFACING DURING GROMYKO VISIT, EMPHASIZING GROMYKO'S ALLEGED ROLE IN AFFAIR. RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO TIE SOLZHENITSYN'S ANDERSON TO WALLENBERG, STORY SHOULD CHALLENGE GROMYKO TO CONFIRM OR DENY INVOLVEMENT AND TO INVESTIGATE FATE OF SUEDE IN QUESTION.

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1. RE PARA 2 REF A, PRACTICALLY ALL INFO

REF B CAME FROM DISCUSSION "ANDERSEN" WITH

AGREE FROM RE WALLENBERG VIEWPOINT THAT MOST APPROPRIATE

PLACE TO SURFACE STORY IS STOCKHOLM AND RE WALLENBERG MAY

WISH DO SO TO CAUSE LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY SOME MILD DISCOMFORT.

2. FACT OF MATTER IS HOWEVER THAT NORMAL

REACTION TO PERIODIC RESURRECTION WALLENBERG

FATE IS NOT TO MAKE WAVES, SINCE, AS POINTED OUT

REF B, BURDEN OF INVESTIGATING LEADS FALLS TO

TIBLOCK. SINCE TIBLOCK VIEW IS THAT CHANCE WALLENBERG

STILL ALIVE SLIM INDEED, THEY BELIEVE LITTLE USEFUL PURPOSE

IS SERVED.

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"Wallenberg has been missing since he left Pest for Debrecen on 17 January 1945 and no reliable information has been obtained about his fate despite continued investigations by the Wallenberg family and the Swedish government (which made at least 30 demarches to the Soviet government between 1945 and 1965). The Soviet government initially denied all knowledge of Wallenberg, but finally, in 1957, they informed the Swedes that Wallenberg had died in Lubyanka Prison of a heart attack on 17 July 1947; they claimed the body has been cremated. The

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Soviets reply to the Swedes laid the blame for Wallenberg's alleged mistreatment and death at the door of the Soviet security service.

Former Soviet prisoners who have repatriated to the West have made vague references to Wallenberg's having been interned in a Soviet mental hospital and in the following prisons and camps: Krasnogorsk, Lubyanka, Lefortovo, and Vladimir. This latest claim -- the "Kozlov" report that Wallenberg had been interned in a camp on Wrangel Island -- is merely one more in a long series. Thus far, Swedish efforts to confirm these various reports have been in vain.

2. Putative Soviet Labor Camp on Wrangel Island:

A. This Agency has no hard evidence which would confirm the existence, past or present, of a labor camp on Wrangel Island. It should be noted that the Agency office which has made an extensive study of the Soviet labor camp system, based on the most reliable intelligence information available, had no indication whatsoever of such a camp or camps ever having been located on Wrangel Island. Outside of Shifrin's testimony and press reports based on that testimony, the only reference available to a camp on Wrangel Island is the following excerpt from an article in Der Bund, Bern, 28-29 July 1970:

"Penal Camps with Special Conditions: In the vernacular these camps are also called 'death camps' because practically no one is released from them. In other words, practically no one survives the 'special' conditions. They are located in the region of the Oran mines near Noril'sk and in southeastern Yakutsk, as well as in the areas of the missile-launching sites on the islands of Novaya Zemlya, Franz Joseph Land, Wrangel Island, and the Kuril Islands."

B. (FYI ONLY) The author of the above-cited article, Bruderer, is an active member of the NTS (Narodno-trudovoy soyuz -- National Labor Alliance). We do not know the source of his information. However, as Shifrin has had considerable contact with the NTS, it may be that Shifrin was the ultimate source of the information on the camp on Wrangel Island as reported by Bruderer.

3. Avraham Shifrin:

We believe Shifrin's biography is covered adequately in the published text of his testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Additional information on

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Shifrin -- of a sensitive nature -- was made available by this Agency to Ambassador Richard Davies on 5 October 1971. When queried on Shifrin, a recent Soviet emigre, who had himself served in Soviet labor camps, replied that "much of Shifrin's information is inaccurate." Based on the documentation at our disposal, it is our considered opinion that Shifrin's information should be considered less than totally reliable and should be weighed carefully. He does not appear to be completely stable and does not conduct research on a scientific basis.

4. "Kozlov":

This Agency has no information on the identity of "Kozlov" and has no means to develop this information at this time. It is recommended that the Swedish Government contact the Israeli Government on this matter.

5. (FYI ONLY) In the summer of 1973, the Swedish Intelligence Service contacted this Agency regarding the "Kozlov" item in the Shifrin testimony and requested our views on "Kozlov's" reliability. Having received a reply from this Agency that we were unable to enlighten them about "Kozlov," the Swedish IS evidently contacted Shifrin via the Israelis. Apparently they were not satisfied with Shifrin's ability to evaluate "Kozlov" or his information. It is not known whether they were able to determine "Kozlov's" identity or meet with him personally.

6. With the exception of paragraphs 2B and 5 above, at your discretion the Department may make available to the Swedish Embassy the information contained in this memorandum.

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#1. Article by Bruderen (undtd)

#2. Article Re Arrival of Golda Meir in Moscow (dtd 22 Dec)

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all the data that it may possess about the prison camp on Wrangel Island, as well as about the reliability of Avraham Shifrin and "Kozlov".

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5. Zulvazino Cordion—65 years old—died there.
6. Milano Tridati—1903—
7. Gracianeca Verona—1870—chief of police.
8. Toretta Firenze—1901—captain.
9. Giovanni (?) Lassa—1905—SS Lieutenant.
10. Rastellano Viviani—1900—colonel.
11. Lezio Viraus—1910—colonel.
12. Pyatretta Piacenza—1900—died.
13. Joradello Padova—1903—SS.
14. Giovanni Biauchi—
15. Luigi Campanella—1901—SS.
16. Lucca Brantzi (?)—1905.
17. Messina Donato—1914—SS.

The camp on Wrangell Island was an experimental camp, where experiments were conducted on living people. The experiments were in the form of injections, diets, oxygen tests on people who were long declared dead but were alive at that time (1962) and were working very hard in the camp. The guards and the administrative staff were former convicts, such as V. N. Rudnikov, A. I. Vasil'kov, a former convict and big-time bandit; Iv. Nik. Ivanov; Nikolay Artemevich Pitanov. The camp also had a military guard for a special camp in which people were trained for spying abroad. That camp was headed by Ivan Ivanovich Shevilov, a veteran MVD trooper. There were also many others, including Italian war prisoners. There was also Raoul Wallenberg, who had been Swedish consul in Budapest during the war and who under the German occupation, aided by money, helped Jews escape from Hungary through Switzerland into other countries. When the Russians entered Budapest, Raoul Wallenberg was immediately arrested at the request of the military commandant of the city of Budapest and sent by special train to Moscow. He was then 27 years old, and was a handsome, educated young man.

These are a few of the many facts which I know, having witnessed them personally. Unfortunately I cannot sign my real name [to the statement], as I still have some close relatives in Russia.

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REGARD WALLEMBERG NOT CONSIDERED TO BE "PRECISE."

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TO: DIRECTOR,

1. PEGGING DISCUSSION TO SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CHANGE, [REDACTED] HAS COME BACK AGAIN TO RAUL WALLENBERG 8201-05927 CASE. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT WALLENBERG'S AGED MOTHER HAS CONTINUED TO PRESS FORMER GOVT TO KEEP AFTER SOVIETS RE FATE OF HER SON. [REDACTED] BELIEVES NEW GOVT, ONCE DUST SETTLES, WILL WANT TO REVIEW CASE AND WILL PROBABLY WISH EXPOSE WHAT [REDACTED] DESCRIBES AS "MISTAKES" MADE BY SOCDOMS AND SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW (SOHLMAN) IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS ON WALLENBERG CASE. ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T SAY SO, IT MAY WELL BE THAT [REDACTED] WILL ENCOURAGE NEW GOVT TO DO THIS.

2. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAS LEARNED THAT LEON U R I S IS EITHER WRITING OR PLANS TO WRITE BOOK ABOUT WALLENBERG CASE. CAN HQS CONFIRM THIS?

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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February 2, 1978

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MEMORANDUM

To : INR/DDC - Emerson Brown
From : EUR/NE - Ronald E. Woods
Subject: Swedish Request for Information on the Raoul Wallenberg Case

Swedish Embassy Political Counselor, Mats Beroquist, called on me February 1 to pose several questions on this case. I would appreciate your passing these to NSA, CIA and any other appropriate members of the Washington intelligence community. If we have the information requested, I would hope we would be forthcoming in sharing it with the Swedes, in view of the political and humanitarian considerations involved.

Background

Raoul Wallenberg (not related to the industrial Wallenbergs) was a Swedish diplomat in Budapest during the second World War. In that capacity, he was instrumental in saving the lives of thousands of Jews, by issuing them Swedish passports which allowed them to escape Hungary. The Russians arrested Wallenberg when they took Budapest. His status and whereabouts has been an issue in Swedish/Soviet relations since.

The Soviets informed the Swedish Government in 1955 that Wallenberg had died in a Moscow prison in 1947, blamed this on the excesses of Beria and expressed official regret. Reoccurring reports have surfaced since 1955, however, that Wallenberg was still alive in one or another Russian prison. One of these reports was in testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on February 1-2, 1973, during hearings on USSR labor farms. Avraham Shiffrins, a former Soviet citizen who now lives in Israel, testified that he had met Wallenberg in the 1960's at a Soviet prison camp on Wrangel Island, north of the Bering Sound, between Siberia and Alaska. This report was corroborated in a letter by a former KGB official named Jefrim Mishinski, also known as Kellov.

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This letter was published with the text of the Hearings. Swedish security officials have interviewed both Shifrins and Mishinski in Israel.

A more recent report was included in a story in the December 19th issue of the New York Magazine (pg. 45). This alleges that Wallenberg was alive in a Soviet mental hospital as of three years ago. Were he still alive, Wallenberg would now be seventy years of age.

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The Wallenberg case is still of considerable political and humanitarian interest. It is kept alive by Wallenberg's mother in Stockholm, as well as by former Hungarian Jews now resident in Sweden, the US, or elsewhere. Senator Frank Church has called Ambassador Wachtmeister within the last two weeks in response to an inquiry from one of his constituents. Swedish Parliamentarians regularly pose questions for Government response in the Riksdag.

The Swedish Government last raised this case with us in January 1974, when Embassy officer Lars Ake Nielsson posed certain questions to Swedish Desk Officer John Owens. According to Bergquist, we were, at that time, unable to confirm or deny the existence of a Soviet prison camp on Wrangel Island. We also indicated that we thought Shifrins' testimony was only "partially incorrect".

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What is our view on veracity of Mishinski's report? After interviewing him the Swedes doubt how much weight to give his comments. He was, for example, unable to identify Wallenberg in photographs.

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Can we provide information, from satellite photography or other sources, that would confirm or deny the existence of a prison camp on Wrangel Island?

3. Why do we believe that Shifrins' testimony was only partially correct, and do we have a judgment on his specific comments on Wallenberg?

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4. Shifrins also mentioned a former US military officer, Alexander Shornik, who he said was also interned on

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Wrangel Island (pages 15-16 of testimony). Do we have independent confirmation on this, or information on Shornik's current status or whereabouts?

5. In the event that we can provide responses to any of the above, which may be used by Sweden publicly and which must be held in confidence?

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1. SWEDISH EMBASSY HAS RAISED WITH STATE DEPT ONCE AGAIN THE ISSUE OF RAUL WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. QUESTIONS THIS TIME WERE PEGGED TO INFO SUMMARIZED IN MEMO TO STATE DTD 12 MARCH 74 (FORWARDED STOCKHOLM PER REF B ON 15 MAY 74). THUS FAR, HQS CANNOT ADD TO INFO PROVIDED IN 1974 BUT WE ARE STILL CHECKING INFO ON WRANGEL ISLAND AND VICINITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PRISON CAMP IS OR WAS LOCATED THERE. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN WRANGEL ISLAND HAS ALSO BEEN AROUSED BY ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. ACTUALLY OWNS WRANGEL ISLAND, WHICH IS LOCATED CA. 160 MILES WEST OF ALASKA.

2. ABOVE IS PROVIDED FOR [REDACTED] INFO AND MAY BE USED IN DISCUSSION [REDACTED] IN THE EVENT THAT THEY RAISE THE SUBJECT AGAIN. WE WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS THEY ARE IN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Forced Labor on Wrangel Island

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the issue of whether there are forced labor camps on Wrangel Island -- a small, obscure Soviet island in the Arctic. Publicity about the subject has been given an aura of legitimacy by Congressman Robert K. Dornan (27th District of California), who has shown an interest in the island.

2. Much of the initial publicity over Wrangel Island stemmed from hearsay information given by Avraham Shifrin, a former Soviet prisoner who was released in 1963 and now lives in Israel. Shifrin told a Senate Subcommittee in 1973 that, as late as 1962, a large forced labor camp on the island held thousands of prisoners -- both regular prisoners of war and some important persons including Raoul Wallenberg, Swedish Consul in Budapest during World War II. The Swedes, unable to locate Wallenberg, recently queried DDO about this camp and Wallenberg's possible presence there.

3. Congressman Dornan, whose interest in Wrangel Island was first prompted by a constituent who vigorously claims to own the island, recently expanded his interest to include the forced labor issue. As quoted in the weekly newspaper, Spotlight (attached), he noted that "the Russians probably still have labor camps on Wrangel Island,"; Dornan found it "most shocking" that "the State Department has known the reports of the labor camps and their presence on U.S. territory since 1973, and nothing has been done....".

4. This Office has thoroughly investigated the matter and concludes that there is not now, and probably never was, a camp on the island. We have substantial evidence to support our conclusion, including aerial photography dating from the early 1950s and satellite photography from the 1960s and 1970s.

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5. We are now engaged in an exhaustive study of the entire Soviet forced labor system and plan to release a finished intelligence report on the subject within a few months. In the meantime we are prepared to show interested parties the results of our research effort.



RONALD W. PODMILSAK
USSR-Europe Branch
Geography Division, OGC

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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March 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM

To : INR/DDC - Emerson Brown

From : EUR/NE - Ronald E. Woods

Subject: Wallenberg Case

Mats Bergquist of the Swedish Embassy called me today, March 28, to ask for more assistance on the Wallenberg case. The Swedes are interested in talking to two Soviet emigres (or possibly defectors) to see whether they know anything about Wallenberg. The two are Boras Rabbot, formerly Secretary of the Soviet Academy of Science, and Mr. Khokhlovs, who is currently teaching at California State College in San Bernardino.

The Swedes have three questions:

- 1 -- Do we have objections to their discussing the case with either or both of these individuals?
- 2 -- If not, can we provide the addresses and telephone numbers of either or both?
- 3 -- Should we prefer that the Swedes not discuss the case with either or both, would we be willing to pose questions in their behalf?

Bergquist also asked me about the status of his request for information of February 2, which I transmitted to you in a memorandum of the same date. I look forward to hearing from you.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

FROM

[REDACTED]

With regard to your memorandum of 2 February 1978 (REF A), the following are answers to questions posed therein, which may be passed to the Swedish Embassy:

1. We have insufficient information on Mishinski to give an evaluation of him and defer to the Israelis. We have no new information which would be helpful in evaluating Mishinski's statements.
2. "Available evidence does not confirm the presence of a prison camp on Wrangel Island at any time, and leads us to believe that no such camp existed on Wrangel Island in 1960 or later." Please hold this information in confidence.
3. We believe Shifrins' testimony was hearsay, i.e., that he did not actually see Wallenberg, but we cannot confirm this as fact. We suggest the Israelis be queried on this point.
4. We cannot confirm Shifrins' information on Alexander Shornik. We have no information on Shornik in our files.

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SUBJECT: Swedish Request for Information on the
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5. Although only the information in paragraph 2 is considered to be highly confidential we would prefer that our response on the other questions not be made public.

In response to your memo of 28 March 1978 (REF B), the following are answers to the additional questions posed by the Swedish Embassy concerning the two Soviet emigres who might have knowledge of Wallenberg:

1. We have no objection to Swedish officials' discussing the Wallenberg case with either Boras Rabbot or Mr. Khokhlovs.

2. We do not have current addresses or telephone numbers for either of these gentlemen. We suggest they try to contact Mr. Khokhlovs at California State College in San Bernardino. Mr. Rabbot's name appeared recently in The New York Times in an article which stated he was negotiating a teaching contract with Columbia University. We suggest, therefore, that the Swedish Embassy contact The Times for his address.

3. Not applicable.

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